GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

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RESTRICTIONS ON IT JOBS BY US
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

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(a) whether any move by some State legislatures in the US, likeNew Jersey to restrict outsourcing of jobs to other countries, has caused concern among Indian Corporates, particularly those in the information technology sector;

(b) if so, whether Indo-American Chamber of Commerce had suggested that the matter be taken up at the highest level between the two countries; and

(c) if so, the response of the Union Government in this regard and the action taken or likely to be taken by the Government to resolve the issue.

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(SU THIRUNAVUKKARASAR)

(a),(b) and (c): Yes, Sir. The Union Government had taken up this matter with the United State Trade Representative at the WTO mini-ministerial meeting in Tokyo on February 14, 2003 to resolve this issue. The Embassy of India, Washington DC has alsoraised this issue with the United States Trade Representative`s Office.